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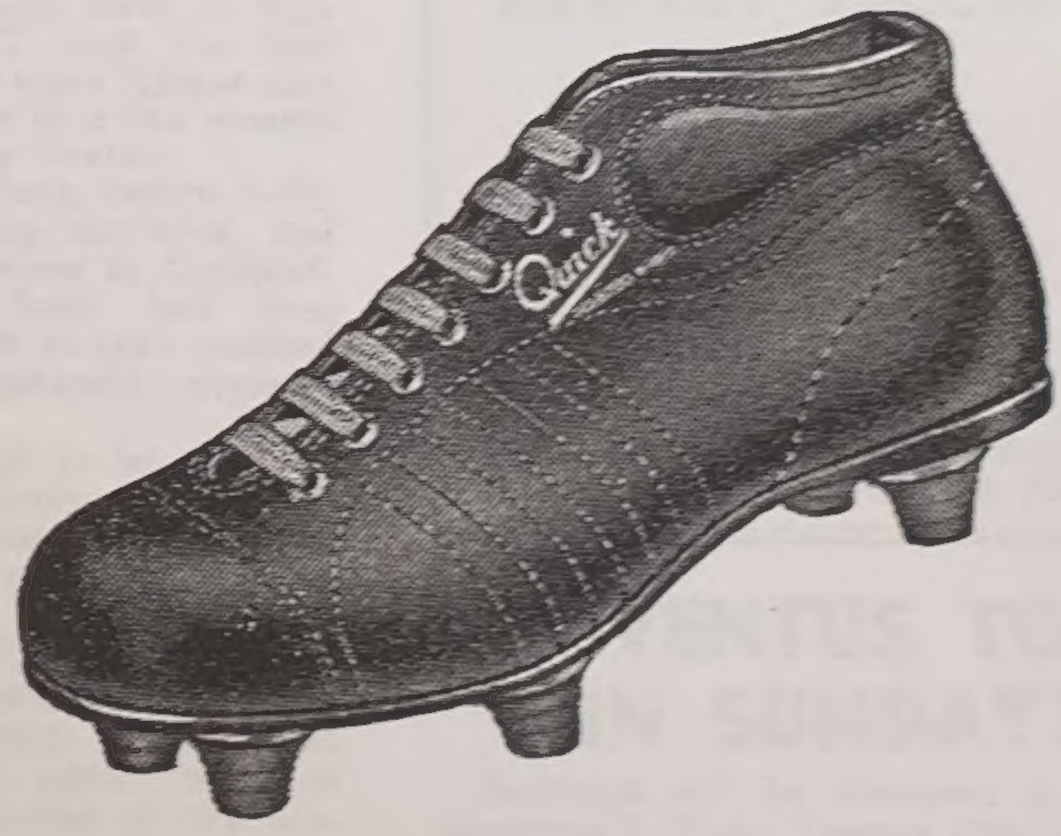

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"SHOCKING" SIDE TO BE NAMED ELECTRONS?

If Croatia continues to be such a "shocking" team, we shall call its players Electrons, after those little bits of elementary matter which are supercharged with electricity.

Supporter Zvonimir Kunek points out that the Croatians "shocked" Hungary and the fans. Then, just for good measure, they "shocked" them again.

Apparently by this time, their batteries were fully charged, and they gave Yugoslavia and the doubters another playful "shock."

Just when everybody thought that they would be short-circuited and blow a fuse, they "shocked" Scotland!

"I hope there are a lot more shocks like these when they play in the State League next year," says Mr. Kunek.

Well, it looks as though there will be, provided that they keep their batteries charged—with solid training, good coaching, and the same keen spirit that they have shown at Olympic Park.

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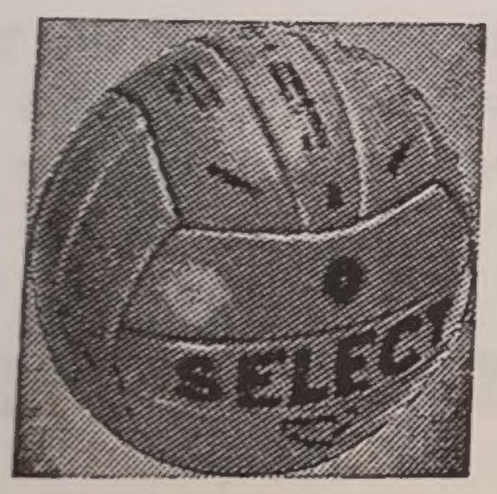

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CUP THRILLERS END IN DRAWS

Dockerty, Armstrong, and Laidlaw Cup Matches To Be Replayed

Of the four varied Cup Semi-Fnals played last week-end, three ended in draws and will be replayed.

They are J.U.S.T. v. George Cross (Dockerty Cup); Polonia v. Footscray (Armstrong Reserves Cup); and Scotland v. Croatia (Laidlaw World Cup).

The first two will be played today, and the World Cup replay has been set down for Sunday, October 18.

After its hard-earned win over Juventus in the quarter-final, a good showing was expected from J.U.S.T., and none of its supporters could have left the ground disappointed.

And George Cross, always one goal down or level but never in the lead, put up a fighting display that its followers must have been proud of.

Slow Start

Only in the first half was the play on the loose side, with the lively ball in the air much more than on the pitch, and the high bounces off the hard ground poorly controlled.

Features of this period were the usual early nervousness of J.U.S.T. goalie Rozanic, the soundness of tall Jugoslavian pivot Basic, the unproductive positional interchanging between George Cross wingers Vella and Copeland, and the penalty kick for hands, taken at 35 minutes by Beattie, which hit the post and rebounded into play.

But immediately after the interval, and for the entire 75 minutes of the second period and extra time, the match came to life and became a sustained thriller.

Njegus opened the score for J.U.S.T. at 50 minutes after classical moves by Beattie and Vollman.

Five minutes later the score was tied when Lolly Vella skulled Copeland's perfect cross into the net.

Photo Finish

Play sped back and forth at high tempo, and J.U.S.T. took the lead again at 70 minutes when Njegus once more made good use of a ball crossed with nice timing by Beattie.

But it was not long before Lolly Vella broke away up the wing, and sent a long pass across to Copeland. He dummied and held just long enough for Zammitt to take position to score from Copeland's accurate pass.

The game seemed to be won by J.U.S.T. at 85 minutes when Vollman's solo run ended with a foul in the penalty area, and Basic scored from the spot.

Adding to J.U.S.T.'s confidence was the fact that Zammitt was ordered off the field by referee Tardiff right after the kick was taken for what appeared to be criticism of the penalty decision.

But only 3 minutes later, Tony Vella equalised again from a penalty kick awarded for "hands."

Fourth Penalty

After 7 minutes of extra time, Copeland was fouled in the penalty area, and the fourth "spot" kick of the match was granted to George Cross.

This time, however, Tony Vella's attempt to find the corner of the net was sufficiently astray to allow Rozanic to save cleverly and put the ball back into play.

The speedy struggle continued right to the end, and although George Cross did well to hold their own with ten men for the last 35 minutes, J.U.S.T.'s good display wipes out the temptation to say that the Maltese side scored a moral victory.

These opponents are sure to please the fans again today.

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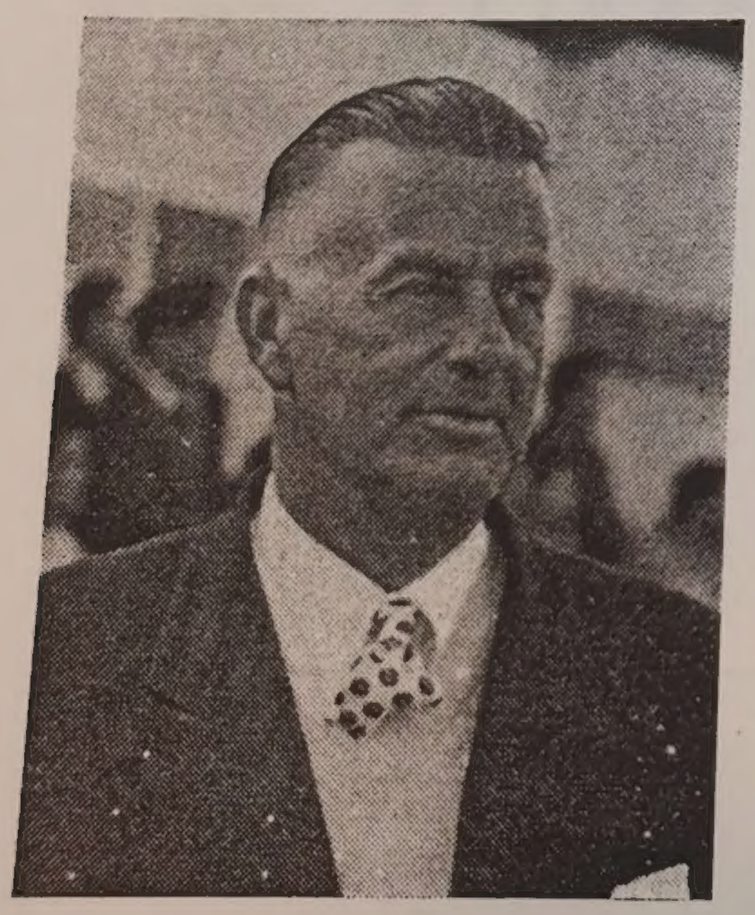

Mr. W. R. Thomas, Chairman of the V.A.S.F.A., successfully negotiated with the Australian Broadcasting Commission for the televising over Channel 2, of last week's and today's Dockerty Cup matches.

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JUVENTUS TO WIN SUNDAY?

Juventus will be favoured to win tomorrow's State League Cup semi-final.

Although there can be no wish to detract either from Hakoah's win over Wilhelmina or the spirit of the remainder of the Dutch team in their Dockerty Cup semi - fiinal two weeks ago, Wilhelmina was not the same team after de Bruyckere left the game after 25 minutes, and his absence tomorrow could have a telling effect on the result.

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More about that 3-day week-end at Anglesea for Juniors. Starts January 29. Under supervision of Mr. Jim Paul (Chairman, Coaching Committee), Mr Len Young (State Coach), and other instructors. All-in cost — for accommodation, food, coaching, and fares—is £4. Room for 70 only, so anyone wishing to attend should send £1 deposit at once to Mr. J. Threlfall (Secretary, Junior Committee), 3 Ferguson Street, Sunshine.

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TODAY'S TEAMS

(To be selected from)

J.U.S.T.	GEORGE CROSS
Rozanic	Yunkovic
—	—
Walbaner	Sacco
Rezulk	Borg
—	—
Micic	Carroll
Basic	Muscat
Schroeder	Vella
—	—
Njegus	Catania
Marinovic	Vella
Kapoic	Zammitt
Beattie	Falzon
Vollman	McVean
Fabjanic	Copeland
Grgas	

TOMORROW'S TEAMS

(To be selected from)

JUVENTUS	WILHELMINA
Vitti	Jannsen
—	—
Picinich	Sloothaak
Marini	Brouwer
—	—
Saico	Noy
Frangione	Westerveld
Griggs	Remmers
—	—
Plateo	Luyten
Cubero	Stoeffels
Tomblyn	Vanderpoel
Barbazza	Delgeorge
Boz	Yntema
Bressan	Keuken
Oughton	Pronk

TODAY

(Olympic Park, Saturday)

DOCKERTY CUP

Semi-Final
George Cross v. J.U.S.T

ARMSTRONG CUP

Semi-Final
(1 p.m.)
Footscray v. Polonia

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Hakoah v. Box Hill
(Middle Park, 1 p.m.)

TOMORROW

(Olympic Park, Sunday)

STATE LEAGUE CUP

Semi-Final
Juventus v. Wilhelmina

NEXT WEEK

The matches scheduled for the week-end of October 17 and 18 will not be played on the No. 1 Soccer Pitch at Olympic Park.

However, the Park Trustees have made the No. 2 Oval, behind the Velodrome, available for both days.

Saturday:

DOCKERTY CUP FINAL

Hakoah v. George Cross or J.U.S.T

Sunday:

LAIDLAW WORLD CUP

Semi-Final
(3 p.m.)
Scotland v. Croatia

LAST WEEK

DOCKERTY CUP

George Cross drew J.U.S.T, 3-3.

LAIDLAW WORLD CUP

Scotland drew Croatia, 1-1.

ARMSTRONG CUP

Polonia drew Footscray, 3-3.
Wilhelmina d. Hakoah, 2-1.

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Melbourne d. South Yarra, 6-0.
Richmond d. Brighton, 4-2.
South Melbourne d. Dandenong, w/o.

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STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	P.
Wilhelmina	22	17	2	3	86	40	36
George Cross	22	14	5	3	57	26	33
Juventus	22	14	4	4	49	22	32
Hakoah	21	14	2	5	49	27	30
Slavia	22	12	5	5	49	28	29
Polonia	22	8	7	7	37	31	23
Moreland	21	8	2	11	54	38	18
J.U.S.T.	22	6	6	10	50	44	18
Box Hill	22	6	3	13	24	53	15
Footscray	22	3	7	12	31	65	13
Geelong	22	3	5	14	28	55	11
Yarra Park	22	1	2	19	27	112	4

METROPOLITAN LEAGUES

NORTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Croatia	18	14	2	2	81	22	30
Preston	18	14	2	2	62	19	30
Lions-Hayduk	18	13	1	4	66	19	27
Sunshine City	18	9	1	8	35	32	19
Sicilia	18	7	3	8	44	32	17
Maccabi	18	7	2	9	35	47	16
Corio	18	7	1	10	33	41	15
Coburg	18	5	4	9	30	38	14
Hellenic	18	5	2	11	31	41	12
Brunswick	18	0	0	18	9	135	0

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Moonee Ponds	18	14	1	3	51	21	29
Fiorentina	18	12	4	2	50	16	28
University	18	10	4	4	49	31	24
Essendon	18	9	0	9	30	42	18
Fairfield	18	5	5	8	37	37	15
St. Albans	18	7	1	10	34	39	15
Williamstown	18	6	2	10	25	38	14
Collingwood	18	5	3	11	40	41	13
I.C.I.	18	5	3	10	36	52	13
Heidelberg	18	4	3	11	26	61	11

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Norlane Olymp.	18	13	3	2	55	26	29
North Richmond	18	11	6	1	63	26	28
Seymour	18	12	3	3	48	21	27
Makedonia	18	10	2	6	34	27	22
Trident	18	8	5	5	38	34	21
Olympia	18	8	2	8	39	33	18
Bendigo	18	4	5	9	31	43	13
Melita	18	5	2	11	26	48	12
Hollandia	18	4	1	13	35	55	9
Yarraville	18	0	1	17	3	59	1

TABLES COMPILED
by
STUART BEATON
Secretary-Manager
V.A.S.F.A.

SOUTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Melbourne	18	17	1	0	100	19	35
Richmond	18	13	1	4	72	22	27
Yallourn	18	13	1	4	63	35	27
South Melbourne	18	12	2	4	47	24	26
Brighton	18	9	2	7	41	34	20
Dandenong	18	8	1	9	55	48	17
South Yarra	18	4	1	13	26	57	9
Prahran	18	3	2	13	22	71	8
Park Rangers	18	3	0	15	30	87	6
Vic. Police	18	1	3	14	21	79	5

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Sandringham	18	14	3	1	53	29	31
Austria	18	11	3	4	61	39	25
Frankston	18	10	3	5	57	35	23
Bayswater	18	7	3	8	36	45	17
Oakleigh	18	6	4	8	24	15	16
Rosebud	18	8	0	10	40	45	16
Ferntree Gully	18	7	0	11	46	36	14
Moorabbin	18	5	4	9	36	54	14
F.N.D.	18	6	2	10	34	61	14
Croydon	18	5	0	13	34	62	10

HOW THEY STAND

State League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Wilhelmina	22	17	2	3	69	23	36
Hakoah	21	17	2	2	65	24	36
Polonia	21	12	4	5	30	22	28
Juventus	20	11	2	7	50	31	24
Geelong	21	11	1	9	37	25	23
J.U.S.T.	21	10	1	10	62	36	21
Moreland	21	8	5	8	33	31	21
Box Hill	19	9	1	9	40	40	19
Footscray	20	7	1	12	23	45	15
George Cross	21	6	3	12	26	49	15
Slavia	21	4	3	14	31	60	11
Yarra Park	22	0	1	21	3	83	1

First Division Reserves (North)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Lions-Hayduk	18	13	2	3	55	21	28
Sunshine City	18	12	3	3	48	21	27
Fiorentina	18	12	2	4	57	29	26
Frankston	18	10	3	5	54	38	23
Preston	18	8	4	6	52	32	20
Coburg	18	8	4	6	36	37	20
Maccabi	18	8	2	8	58	41	18
Hellenic	18	5	1	12	30	57	11
Sandringham	18	3	0	15	20	59	6
University	18	0	1	17	8	83	1

First Division Reserves (South)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Richmond	18	15	2	1	71	21	32
Melbourne	18	15	1	2	83	23	31
Dandenong	18	10	3	5	44	33	23
Park Rangers	18	11	1	6	39	35	23
Brighton	18	9	2	7	37	33	20
Yallourn	18	6	6	6	39	49	18
South Melbourne	18	7	1	10	35	47	15
South Yarra	18	5	2	11	29	52	12
Prahran	18	3	0	15	17	101	6

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HEARTS Secretary, Mr. Tommy Walker, writes a

HEARTS-TO-HEARTS MESSAGE

[Mr. Bill Thomas, V.A.S.F.A. Chairman, was the recipient of this letter, but he feels that it is addressed to ALL Victorian soccer fans. It is therefore re-addressed to them through Soccer News at his request.—EDITOR].

"It is difficult to put on paper all the delightful experiences it was our good fortune to enjoy while in Australian, and all which every member of your Council, and many outside it, did to make us feel so much at home.

"The games, despite the results, are best recalled by the sporting and industrious fashion in which your boys applied themselves to their task.

"The after-match functions rekindled constant happy memories, your hospitality and generosity were unsurpassed, and your anxiety for our welfare at all times was almost embarrassing but very deeply appreciated.

"For all these things and many more — the friendship of your wives and children, the welcome into your own homes, the hours spent in our midst to the neglect of your own pressing work — these things taught us the real depth of your friendship and leave us proud, but very humble, beings.

"Kindly accept, and please convey to all no matter how small a part he played in our visit, our warmest thanks and deepest appreciation."

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SWEDISH COACH AVAILABLE

Gunner Sodergren, a Swedish major league Soccer player, is seeking a coaching appointment in Australia.

Sodergren, aged 35 and nearly 6 ft. 4 in. tall, has written asking for contacts here.

Sodergren says he is skilled in technique. and that he is recognised as one of Sweden's leading theoreticians.

"I still play football, but am most interested in coaching," he writes.

Sodergren plays in the outside-right and centre-forward positions, has toured all over Europe, and once acted as playing coach of a French amateur team.

Unmarried, a non-smoker and non-drinker, Sodergren describes himself as having "intellectual interests, and an idealistic view on life."

"I work in the advertising field as a salesman at DAGENS NYHETER (Stockholm), Sweden's biggest newspaper."

Sodergren speaks fairly good English and some German; for relaxation, he plays tennis and the piano.

His address may be obtained by writing to "Soccer News," or ringing LA 3414.

CUP HISTORY BOBS UP AGAIN

The number of drawn games in this season's soccer Cup competition has been phenomenal, and, although provision was made for a certain number occurring, there have been so many that the Final cannot be played for at least another week.

In ordinary circumstances, the Final would have taken place tomorrow, but the necessity for two games in the first semi-final, and the draw last week between Box Hill in the second semi-final, has caused the delay, and the teams will now replay at the Motordrome tomorrow.

Contrary to expectations, Box Hill made a great fight last week. A little more steadiness in front of goal would have given it victory.

Many did not attend the game, thinking perhaps that it would be a walkover for Footscray, but the form of the Hillmen was a revelation.

Before last week's game, one felt confident that Footscray would win, but unless it shows better form tomorrow, it is certain Box Hill will appear in the Final.

Footscray's season has been a strenuous one. Only one game has been lost out of 18 competitive matches played—a record of which the club has reason to be proud. The club has won the championship of Grade One by a big margin of points, and the players have set their minds on winning the double.

(Reading the above reminds me that Cup Replays, like taxes, are here to plague us. This story, written by "NIMROD,". is reprinted. from the "Sun News-Pictorial."

The date of issue on the paper is Friday, September 13, 1929—THIRTY YEARS AGO!

It was handed to the Editor by Ray Barotajs, Slavia's goalkeeper, who found the old newspaper tucked away in a forgotten corner of his place of work.

.FOOTNOTE: Footscray Thistle beat Box Hill, and went on to win the Final and take the coveted double.)

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Here's good news. Slavia and Wilhelmina are already sponsoring Junior teams. Now Hakoah is making a determined attempt to organise and field Junior teams in 1960. Any lad who is interested in joining the Blues, getting expert coaching, and playing in Junior leagues next year should write at once to Mr. B. Hawes, 12 Westbourne Street, East Preston.

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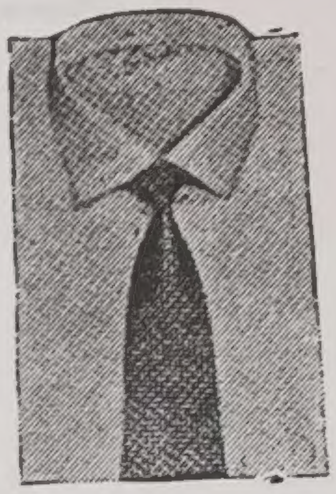
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JUST BRIEFLY

Park Rangers club officials are organising aid for wing-half Frank Bedford, who sustained a broken leg in the match against Dandenong.

A function will be held for this purpose tomorrow, October 11, at 11 a.m., in the Rangers' club rooms at Middle Park. All friends and supporters are urged to attend. Those who find it impossible to do so, but who wish to help Frank, may send a donation to: Mr. J. H. Stephen, 87 Cobden Street, Kew; or to Mr. C. D. Harris, 241 Park Street, South Melbourne.

★ ★ ★

Is this a pointer to the winner of today's Cup semi-final? In the quarter-final, J.U.S.T. drew with Juventus. When J.U.S.T. got its second bite at the cherry, it won. In a semi-final, J.U.S.T. drew with George Cross. Second bite at the cherry today.

★ ★ ★

There is a TV series called World of Giants. Out-sized and out-weighed, that's where Scotland's players must have thought they were last Sunday. And they found that they needed rocket-assist to orbit around those big Croatians successfully.

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Speaking of TV, with several cameras on the game, ABV2 did a marvellous job. And the telescopic lenses not only brought out the details of the play, but showed clearly the grand acting ability of a few of the players.

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Lions/Hayduk has informed the Association that it has suspended one of its players, J. Lindsay, for an indefinite period for alleged misconduct.

★ ★ ★

Young Jim Balish got concussion and some lovely stitching out of that accidental head crash in last Sunday's World Cup game. Considering that Scotland played without him for the last 50 minutes, and that Beattie, Copeland, and Blackley were limping "crocks" during most of that time, Scotland did well to hold Croatia to a draw.

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